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Mr. President of the Congress, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr. President, you are right, I am very much occupied with work especially these days. But knowing the very great importance of the Asian African Pediatric congress or Afro-Asian Pediatric congress, - I do not know what the official name is, knowing the very great importance of this congress, in spite of the multitude of work, I have invited you all to come in this hall to meet me and to give opportunity to me to say a few words to you.

Yes, the Afro-Asian Pediatric congress. In 1955, more than nine years ago, we convened for the first time, the so called Afro-Asian Conference. And after that came many Afro-Asian Conferences, Journalist Conferences, Film Festivals, etc., etc, etc. The Afro-Asian solidarity has grown and has become stronger and stronger.

I speak to you now as Afro-Asian to Afro-Asian, as brother to brother, as brother to sister, as friend to friend, as comrade to comrade. Only, I am a little, -no, very much-, at a loss, that I have to express myself in a language, which is neither mine nor yours. We speak here in the English language, because I think this language is for the present moment the best language to communicate with each other. But as I have said so many times, better than the language of the spoken word, is the language of the heart. And I am speaking now with my heart, the Afro-Asian heart, the heart of a man, working hard, struggling, fighting for Asian-African solidarity, working hard, fighting, struggling for the happiness of the Afro-Asian people. And more than that, working hard, struggling, fighting for the well-being and the happiness of all mankind, all over the world.

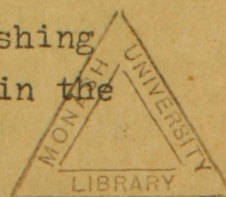
I think you know we Indonesians, we are in a revolution, a revolution in the broad sense of the word. And this Indonesian Revolution is aimed at three things:

Firstly, it is a revolution to establish an independent strong Indonesian state, with its territory stretching from Sabang to Merauke. Sabang is the northern most point of Sumatra, and Merauke is the most eastern point of Irian Barat. This distance is a longer distance than from the west coast of Ireland to the eastern border of the Caspian sea, or wider than the distance between the west coast of the United States of America to the east coast of America. The Indonesian revolution is firstly aimed at establishing on this vast territory an independent Indonesian state. Independent, free from any bondage, free from any domination by other nations.

Secondly, this Indonesian Revolution is aimed at establishing in Indonesia a just and prosperous society, just and prosperous in the material, as well as the mental, spiritual sense of the word.

And thirdly, this Indonesian Revolution is aimed at

establishing a new



establishing a new world order, contributing to , what I call, the universal revolution of man to establish a new world. A new world of free, independent nations, a new world of brotherhood of man, a new world of friendship, a new world of lasting peace, a new world in which there does not exist exploitation of man by man or exploitation of nation by nation.

And now, this, secondly to establish in Indonesia a just and prosperous society materially as well as mentally, spiritually, and thirdly, to establish or to contribute to the establishment of a new world of brotherhood, of prosperity of the whole of mankind, these second and third aims of our Indonesian Revolution make us work together make us cooperate, make us, what is the correct word^{congregate}/make us unite with all the forces in the world, aiming at the same aim: to make mankind happy, to make mankind healthy, to make mankind prosperous, to make mankind live in a world of brotherhood and cooperation, and in lasting peace.

And we know, as you know, that this struggle cannot be accomplished without struggle against as we always say, imperialism and colonialism. A struggle against, and now I say it in French, exploitation de l'homme par l'homme, against also exploitation de nation par nation.

That is why we convened the first Afro-Asian Conference in 1955 in Bandung. The Afro-Asian Conference which was a great success, thanks to the determination of all participants to unite, to unite on a common platform, to unite on a common struggle. And as you know, we have also tried to further this venture. Not only to unite the Afro-Asian nations, but also to unite the nations, peoples which we call the New Emerging Forces. Asian people, African people, Latin American people, and people in New York in America, who are fighting for a new world order and a new world constellation. We collect all the forces in one terminology, the New Emerging Forces. And it is my dear hope that the Afro-Asian Conference will soon be followed by the conference of the New Emerging Forces. As you know the second Afro-Asian Conference will be held next year in Algiers, and we hope that after that a larger conference could be held also, the conference of the New Emerging Forces.

Now this cooperation of Asian African nations, this cooperation of new emerging nations, is not only a political cooperation, it is a cooperation in all fields of endeavour. Political as well as economic, as well as cultural. And that is why, we Afro-Asian nations, we have also to implement our cooperation in the field of health, Health not only for the adults, but also health for the children. And that is why I have welcomed so warmly this Pediatric conference held by you in the capital of the Republic of Indonesia, Jakarta. And now I am very happy that you all have come in this House, not Sukarno's House, but the House of the Indonesian people, the House of the Indonesian nation, so we can here demonstrate the unity of all Afro-Asian nations also in the field of

the field of health, in the field of medicines.

Well my dear friends, sisters and brothers, let us go on, let us march on. We in Indonesia we have adopted a slogan "Onward, never retreat". I hope that you all, you delegates of the Afro-Asian Pediatric Conference also, take this slogan as your slogan, "Onward, no retreat".

Thank you.